

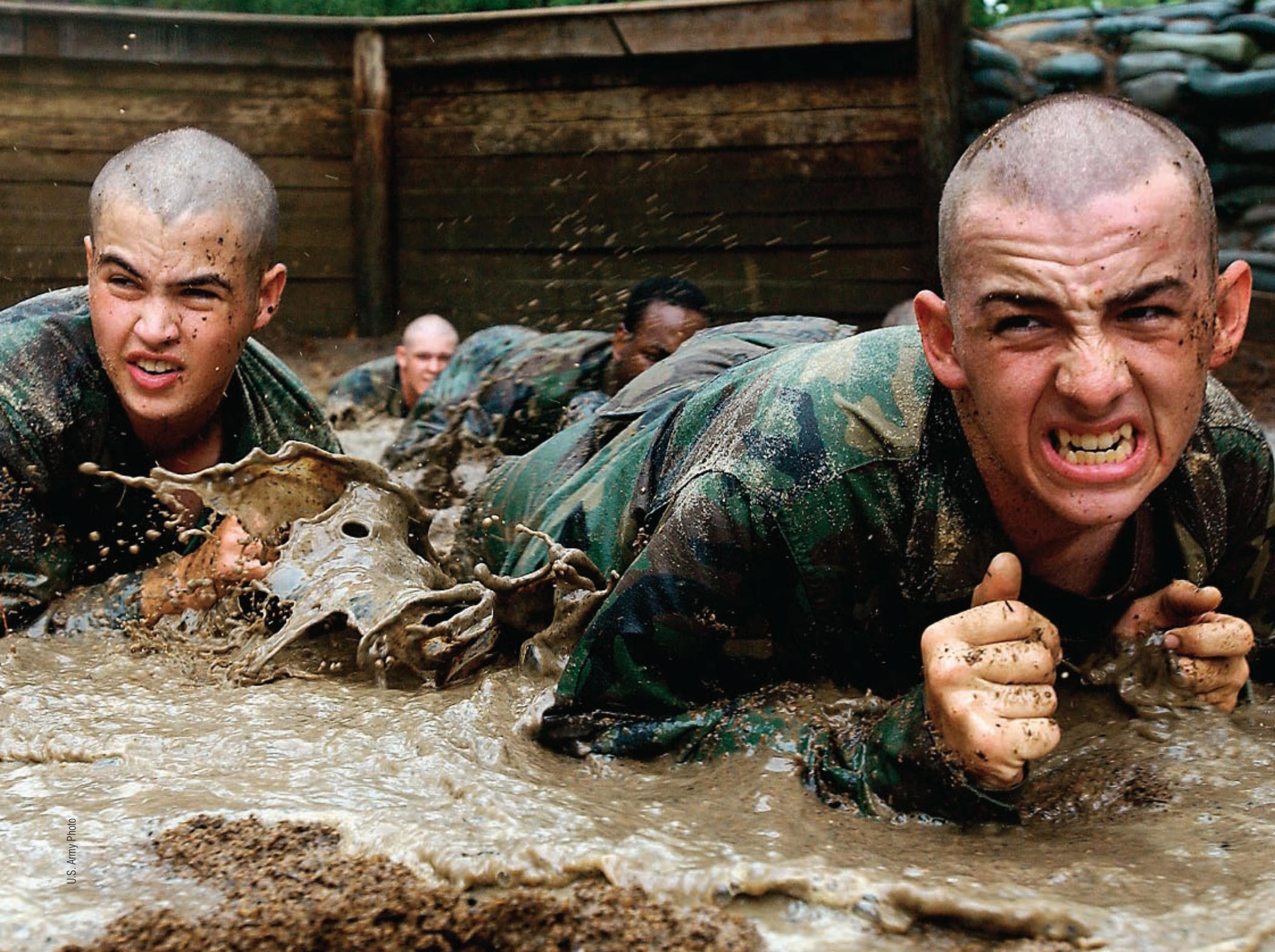
# Soldiers



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# January

*Why I Serve — "I'm in the Army because this is a way I can give something back to my country. I have an appreciation for the freedoms and values we share, and this is the way I serve." — LTC Jaimy S. Rand, Army Contracting Agency*

## What's happening this month

Jan. 7  
Army All-American Bowl  
San Antonio, Texas

Jan. 15  
USA Express, Army  
Showband Tour Begins

All Army Bowling Training  
Camp Begins

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Richard Bumgardne

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To all Soldiers — "The American Soldier is the symbol of peace, strength, courage and honor. We are proud of you." — Edgar in Washington

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# February

*Why I Serve* — "I didn't want to just sit back and watch things happen. I wanted to be a part of them." — SPC James Newton, 463rd Engr. Bn.

## What's happening this month

Black History Month

Army Teen Panel

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SPC Mike Pryor

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# March

*Why I Serve — "After 9/11, I felt it was very important to be helpful any way I could. Nothing is more important than the events here in and around Iraq."  
— Naturalized citizen and contracted linguist Mahir Ibrahimov*

## What's happening this month

Women's History Month

Culinary Arts Competition Begins

Mar. 26 Bataan Memorial March

Mar. 28-30 Expert Field Medical Competition

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A1C Kurt Gibbons III, USAF

To all Soldiers — It takes a lot of courage and sacrifice to do what you are doing and for this I thank you. Hang in there! Get the job done and get back home! — Mark from Elk River, Minn.

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# April

Why I Serve — "In some ways, I looked at it as a way to fight back against the Taliban, but other reasons were much more important to me. Since I lived in a country that supports me, I wanted to support it." — SPC Jack Daniels, 450th Civil Affairs Bn., Afghanistan

## What's happening this month

Month of the Military Child

Apr. 21 Best Ranger Competition Begins

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TSgt. Russell Cooley IV, USAF

To all Soldiers — "Just to know our best have stepped up to the plate makes us bonded in our hearts. Hugs from home." — Jewell, "a senior grandmother" in Alabama

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PFC Hugo A. Beray-Vasquez

# May

*Why I Serve* — "If we don't fix these problems now, my kids and your kids will have to come back here and do it for us."  
 — SPC Casey Carroll, Camp Tigerland, Iraq

## What's happening this month

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Army Soldier Show Summer Concert Tour Begins

Army Volunteer Corps Training Begins

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Staff Sgt. Derrick C. Goode, USAF

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# June

*Why I Serve — "We are accomplishing a tremendous amount here, and the Iraqi people are not only benefiting greatly, but are enthusiastically supportive."  
— SFC Joe Roche, 16th Combat Engr. Bn., Iraq*

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June 19-22  
Drill Sergeant  
of the Year Competition

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Shane A. Cuomo



To all Soldiers — "Keep up the great work you are doing in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. You are true heroes and I thank you. Stay safe and come home soon." — Richard in New York

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Sarah Underhill

# July

Why I Serve — "I love my country. I love my family. Serving makes me feel like I'm doing something with my life, something I can be proud of."  
 — SSG Jesse Prater, 13th Corps Support Command

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Army Teen Panel convenes

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Paul Disney

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To all Soldiers — "You are my inspiration and motivation on a daily basis; so much, in fact, that I have joined the Army as an infantryman myself. Thanks!" — Dustin in Tulsa, Okla.

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Tsgt. Russell E. Cooley IV, USAF

# August

*Why I Serve* — "I think everybody owes something to this nation, in some sort of service. I found my niche by joining the Army."  
 — COL Tori Bruzese, Fort Hood, Texas

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SPC Jeremy Crisp

To all Soldiers — "Go for the bad guys! We support you. If anyone can make this a safer world, you can." — Your supporters in Sweden

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SFC Rhonda M. Lawson

# September

Why I Serve — "It's an honor to serve my country. I feel everybody should serve. It would give younger people more responsibility, maturity and character." — SGT Charles Hall, 13th Corps Sprt. Cmd.

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Hispanic Heritage Month

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SFC Rodney Heikkinen

To all Soldiers — "You are the greatest and should be very proud of yourselves and your service to this country." — Mary Ann in Indiana

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# October

*Why I Serve* — "There is no better place to be part of a team; no better place to grow morally and ethically. There is no better place to be in this country, at this time, especially when the military needs you."  
 — SSG Jamie A. Delmolino, 94th Regional Readiness Cmd.

## What's happening this month

Soldier, NCO of the Year Competition Begins

Oct. 9 Association of the United States Army Conference Begins

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SSG Larry Garner

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# November

Why I Serve — "Helping to bring the hearts of America to the soles of Afghanistan." — Motto of "Operation Shoe Fly," effort by Co. B, 214th Aviation Regiment, to provide shoes to Afghan children.

## What's happening this month

Native American Heritage Month

Army Family Action Plan Conference

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Heike Hasenauer

To all Soldiers — "I know you guys have a tough job. Keep up the good work and know that we support you." — John in Kentucky

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# December

Why I Serve — "I saw the message that the Army was seeking experienced pilots to return to duty. I felt like I had something to offer the Army again." — CW3 Timothy Mayhak, 25th Infantry Division

## What's happening this month

Dec. 15  
Army Soldier Show  
Audition Deadline

Army-Navy Game  
1st Weekend in December

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June 14, 1777 (13 stars)  
Delaware  
Pennsylvania  
New Jersey  
Georgia  
Connecticut  
Massachusetts  
Maryland  
South Carolina  
New Hampshire  
Virginia  
New York  
North Carolina  
Rhode Island



May 1, 1795 (15 stars)  
Vermont  
Kentucky



April 13, 1818 (20 stars)  
Tennessee, Ohio  
Louisiana, Indiana  
Mississippi



July 4, 1819 (21 stars)  
Illinois



July 4, 1820 (23 stars)  
Alabama  
Maine



July 4, 1822 (24 stars)  
Missouri



July 4, 1836 (25 stars)  
Arkansas



July 4, 1837 (26 stars)  
Michigan



July 4, 1845 (27 stars)  
Florida



July 4, 1846 (28 stars)  
Texas



July 4, 1847 (29 stars)  
Iowa



July 4, 1848 (30 stars)  
Wisconsin



July 4, 1851 (31 stars)  
California



July 4, 1858 (32 stars)  
Minnesota



July 4, 1859 (33 stars)  
Oregon



July 4, 1861 (34 stars)  
Kansas



July 4, 1863 (35 stars)  
West Virginia



July 4, 1865 (36 stars)  
Nevada



July 4, 1867 (37 stars)  
Nebraska



July 4, 1877 (38 stars)  
Colorado



July 4, 1890 (43 stars)  
North Dakota, South Dakota  
Montana, Washington  
Idaho



July 4, 1891 (44 stars)  
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July 4, 1908 (46 stars)  
Oklahoma



July 4, 1912 (48 stars)  
New Mexico  
Arizona



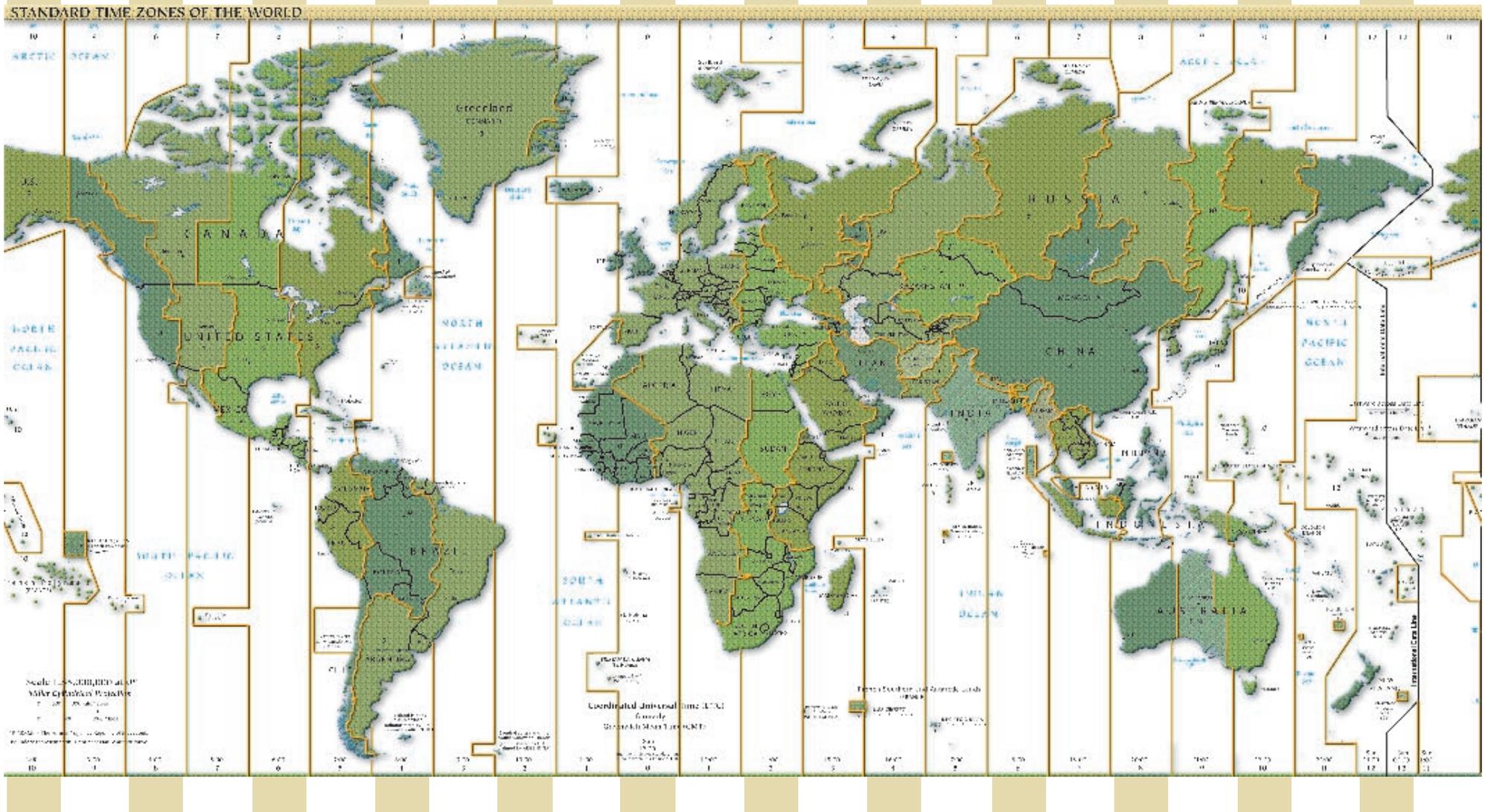
July 4, 1959 (49 stars)  
Alaska



July 4, 1960 (50 stars)  
Hawaii







# Time Zones

# Army Milestones

On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted to establish an Army of 10 infantry companies. Since that humble beginning in defense of the nation, the Army has also contributed to medicine, exploration, engineering and science. The five- and 10-year milestones in this chronology offer only a small glimpse of that proud story of selfless service. It is also your story.

## 1700s

**1776** — The Continental Congress creates the Board of War and Ordnance, a forerunner of the Department of Defense.



**1776** — The night of **Dec. 25-26**, GEN George Washington leads a surprise attack on the Hessian garrison at Trenton, N.J.

**1781** — On **Aug. 21**, Washington begins marching American and French forces south toward Yorktown, Va., and eventual victory over the British, **Oct. 17**.

## 1800s

**1806** — Red River Expedition. On **April 19** Soldiers from the 2nd Inf. Regt. escort a party of scientists and explorers up the Red River in the Orleans Territory.

**1806** — The Lewis and Clark Expedition returns to St. Louis, Mo., on **Sept. 23**. Their 4,000-mile journey to the Pacific Coast and back advances scientific studies and greatly reinforces U.S. claims to the Oregon territories.

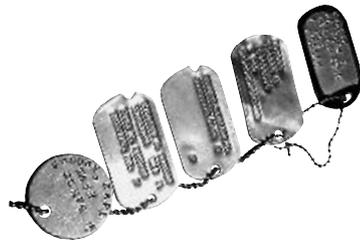
**1881** — “The father of American bacteriology.” In **April**, MAJ George M. Sternberg is credited with discovery of the cause of pneumonia. His continuing research also leads to advances in the battles against cholera and yellow fever.

**1881** — An Army scientific expedition of 24 men under LT Adolphus Greely departs **May 7** to explore the Arctic. Stranded when supply ships fail to reach them, Greely and six other survivors are finally rescued in **1884**.

## 1900s

**1901** — Congress establishes the Army Nurse Corps, **Feb. 2**.

**1906** — MG Greely assumes responsibility for disaster-relief operations in San Francisco after the city is heavily damaged by a major earthquake, **April 18-19**.



**1906** — In **December** the Department of War directs the first use of metal identification tags, soon to be nicknamed by Soldiers as “dog tags.”

**1936** — In **November** Army pilots set a new high-altitude record of 14 miles in the balloon “Explorer.”

**1941** — The Military Police Corps is established on **Sept. 26**.



**1941** — Following the **Dec. 7** attack on Pearl Harbor, GEN George Marshall approves plans for a 2-million-man Army of 100 divisions. On Luzon, American and Philippine units withdraw to Bataan.

**1946** — Army Information Digest, the forerunner of **Soldiers** magazine, is established in **May**.

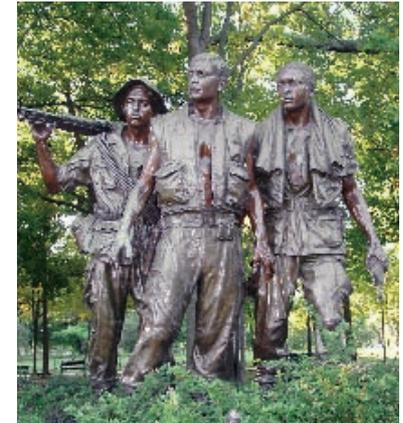
**1951** — The 23rd Inf. Task Force stops the Chinese army at Chipyong-Ni, Korea, **Feb. 13-15**.

**1951** — On **Mar. 7** Eighth Army forces launch Operation Ripper to recapture Seoul, Korea.

**1951** — General of the Army Douglas MacArthur delivers his famous “Old Soldiers Never Die” speech to Congress, **April 19**.

**1966** — In its first firefight of the Vietnam War, the 11th Armored Cav. Regt. is ambushed near Suoi Cat, South Vietnam, on **Dec. 2**.

**1976** — On **July 7** the U.S. Military Academy enrolls its first female cadets. Of the 119 women who enter, 62 finish and are commissioned in 1980.



**1981** — The Vietnam War Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C., on **Nov. 13**.

**1981** — On **Dec. 17** members of the Italian “Red Brigade” terrorist organization kidnap BG James L. Dozier. Italian police and a Delta Force team free him in January.

**1991** — Offensive ground action of Operation Desert Storm begins, **Feb. 23**. The successful campaign to drive Iraqi forces from Kuwait lasts 100 hours.

**1811** — Battle of Tippecanoe. On **Nov. 7** the 4th Inf. Regt. and Kentucky militia defeat Shawnee warriors to secure the Indiana frontier.

**1846** — Congress establishes the 2nd Regt. of Dragoons on **May 23**. The unit exists today as the 2nd Armored Cav. Regt.



**1846** — After repeated disputes, the United States declares war on Mexico on **May 13**.

**1861** — First Battle of Bull Run. On **July 21** Union forces attempt to capture the rail town of Manassas, Va., but are routed by Confederate forces.

**1861** — On **Aug. 28** an Army/Navy amphibious force under MG Benjamin Butler takes Fort Hatteras and Fort Clark, N.C., capturing more than 700 Confederates.

**1861** — Union Soldiers in Virginia loft a gas-filled balloon on **Sept. 24** to observe troop movements and adjust artillery fire using telegraph communications between air and ground crews.

**1866** — President Andrew Johnson signs a Congressional act on **July 28** establishing four black infantry regiments (38th, 39th, 40th and 41st Inf.) and two black cavalry regiments (9th and 10th Cav.).

**1876** — Sioux Indian War. At Little Big Horn, Mont., COL George A. Custer and 264 Soldiers of the 7th Cav. Regt. are killed on **June 25**.

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**1911** — In **March** the Army adopts the Model 1911 .45-caliber pistol.

**1911** — The first Army pilot school is established, **April 11**, at College Park, Md.

**1911** — The School of Fire is established at Fort Sill, Okla., on **June 11**. It is redesignated the Field Artillery School in 1919.

**1916** — Mexican Punitive Expedition. BG John J. Pershing, with 6,000 men, pursues Pancho Villa into Mexico, in **March**. The expedition provides opportunities to experiment with new technologies such as motorized units, airplanes and field radios.



**1921** — The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is dedicated **Nov. 11** at Arlington National Cemetery, Va.

**1926** — Congress establishes the Army Air Corps, **July 2**.

**1926** — In **December** the Army replaces the high “choke” collar uniform blouse with an open-lapel design.

**1951** — Battle of Heartbreak Ridge. On **Oct. 15** the 2nd Inf. Div., supported by South Korean and French units, seizes the ridge but suffers nearly 3,700 casualties in the process.

**1951** — Operation Piledriver is launched in **June** against communist forces. It is the last large United Nations offensive of the Korean War.

**1956** — The Army successfully fires the first Redstone rocket, from White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., **Feb. 21**.

**1956** — On **June 12** the Army adopts its official flag in a ceremony at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa.

**1956** — In **September** the Army adopts a new green uniform with black shoes, ending the days of the “brown shoe” Army.

**1956** — In response to the Hungarian Uprising, the 6th Armored Cav. Regt. is placed on alert on **Oct. 23** and deploys along the East German border.

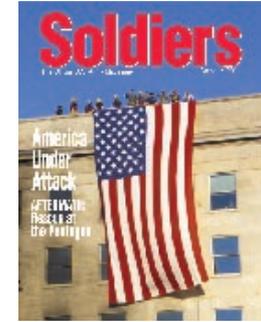


**1956** — The last two Army pack-mule units, the 35th Quartermaster Co. and Battery A of the 4th Field Arty. Bn., are inactivated at Fort Carson, Colo., in **December**. The Army also discontinues the use of carrier pigeons.

**1991** — In **March** the 24th Inf. Div. defeats the Iraqi Hammurabi Division when it violates the cease-fire.

**1991** — As part of Operation Provide Comfort, Army units deploy to Turkey and northern Iraq in **April** to protect Kurdish refugees from Iraqi attacks.

## 2000s



**2001** — Hijacked aircraft hit the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon, near Washington, D.C., on **Sept. 11**. National Guard and Reserve units activate to respond to the attacks.

**2001** — Operation Enduring Freedom begins on **Oct. 7**. The mission is to seek out and destroy terrorist camps and infrastructure within Afghanistan, capture al Qaeda leaders and remove the Taliban regime.

**2001** — Elements of the 10th Mountain Div. arrive in Afghanistan, on **Nov. 28**. They are the first conventional troops deployed by the United States into the troubled nation.

**2001** — Three special forces Soldiers are the first Americans killed in Afghanistan when, on **Dec. 5**, a B-52 mistakenly bombs their position. Twenty others are wounded.

# Chief of Staff's Leadership Reading Guide

## Sublist 1: For cadets, Soldiers and junior NCOs

**"The Constitution of the United States."** Available at [www.house.gov/Constitution/Constitution.html](http://www.house.gov/Constitution/Constitution.html)

**"Centuries of Service: The U.S. Army 1775-2004,"** by David W. Hogan Jr. Army pamphlet available at [www.army.mil/cmh/books/COS](http://www.army.mil/cmh/books/COS)

**"The Face of Battle,"** by John Keegan.

**"For the Common Defense: A Military History of the United States of America,"** by Allan R. Millett and Peter Maslowski.

**"Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne, from Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest,"** by Stephen E. Ambrose.

**"We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young: Ia Drang — The Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam,"**

by LTG Harold G. Moore (Ret.) and Joseph L. Galloway.

**"If You Survive: From Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge to the End of World War II,"** by George Wilson.

**"Touched With Fire: The Land War in the South Pacific,"**  
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**"Closing with the Enemy: How GIs Fought the War in Europe, 1944–1945,"** by Michael D. Doubler.

**"Patton: A Genius for War,"** by Carlo D'Este.

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**"America's First Battles: 1776–1965,"** edited by Charles E. Heller and William A. Stofft.

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**"The Philippine War, 1899–1902,"** by Brian McAllister Linn.

**"The War to End All Wars: The American Military Experience in World War I,"** by Edward M. Coffman.

**"An Army at Dawn: The War in Africa, 1942–1943, Volume One of the Liberation Trilogy,"** by Rick Atkinson.

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**"The Challenge of Command: Reading for Military Excellence, Art of Command Series,"** by COL Roger Nye (Ret.).

**"The New Face of War: How War Will Be Fought in the 21st Century,"** by Bruce Berkowitz.



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***“Inside al Qaeda: Global Network of Terror,”***  
by Rohan Gunaratna.

***“Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era,”***  
by James McPherson.

***“Supplying War: Logistics from Wallenstein to Patton,”***  
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***“George C. Marshall: Soldier-Statesman of the American Century,”*** by Mark A. Stoler.

***“The General’s War: The Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf,”*** by Michael R. Gordon and Bernard E. Trainor.

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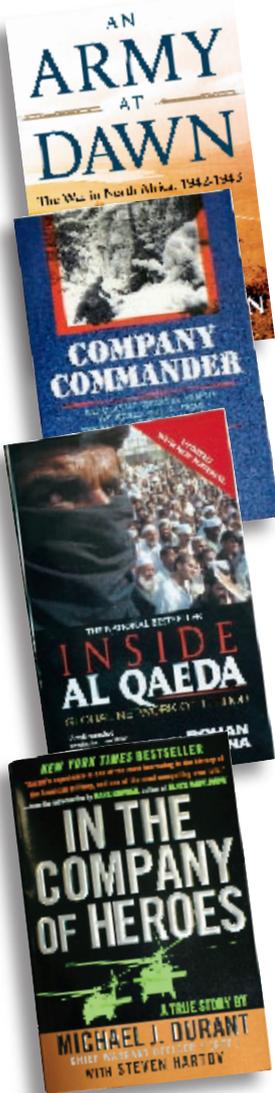
***“Dereliction of Duty: Lyndon Johnson, Robert McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Lies That Led to Vietnam,”*** by H.R. McMaster.

***“Victory on the Potomac,”*** by James R. Locher III.

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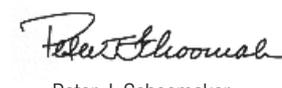
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As we celebrate this holiday season, we should also celebrate the spirit of the American Soldier. For more than 230 years, this spirit led America's men and women to courageously answer the call to duty and help preserve liberty throughout the world. Today, this same noble spirit inspires our Soldiers as they simultaneously fight the war on terror and transform the Army to meet future challenges.

This holiday season should also be a time of remembrance. We should remember our Soldiers deployed in 120 countries around the world. Likewise, we should keep in our hearts our family members while their loved ones are far from home. And of course, we will always remember our Soldiers who never returned from the fight, and their families.

May you all have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. May God bless the men and women in our Army. And may God bless our wonderful country.

  
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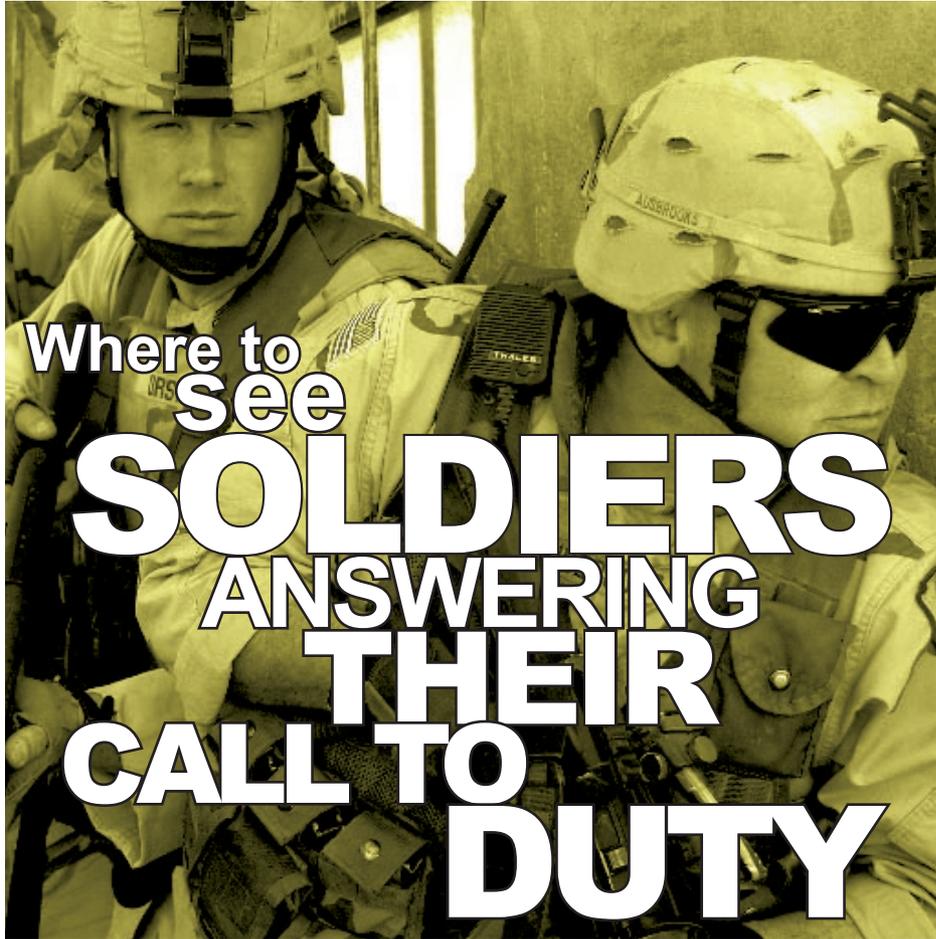
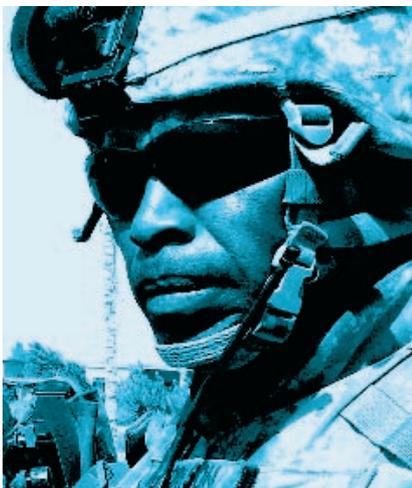
  
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